

Lesson 56

Definitions



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| 1. | allay | uh LAY | to put fear, doubt, anger, or suspicion to rest; to quiet; to relieve | |
| | Synonyms >> | soften, assuage, soothe, mollify, temper, ease, mitigate, | Antonym >> | to aggravate |
| | In order to allay the patient's pain, the nurse administered a pain reliever. | | | |
| | Derivatives >> | allayed, allaying, allayer | | |
| 2. | aura | AW ruh | a distinctive quality about a person, thing, or place | |
| | Synonyms >> | | Antonym >> | |
| | Those at the inauguration ceremony had the aura of greatness. | | | |
| | Derivatives >> | auras, aural | | |
| 3. | calipers | KAL uh purs | an instrument used to measure distances or diameters | |
| | Synonyms >> | | Antonym >> | |
| | We learned in drafting class to measure distances with calipers. | | | |
| | Derivatives >> | caliper | | |
| 4. | congenital | kun JEN uh tul | existing at birth or dating from birth | |
| | Synonyms >> | | Antonym >> | acquired |
| | Due to the abuse of drugs, hundreds of babies are born with congenital birth defects each year. | | | |
| | Derivatives >> | congenitally | | |
| 5. | defunct | deh FUNGKT | no longer existing, dead | |
| | Synonyms >> | | Antonym >> | existing |
| | That company went bankrupt and is now defunct. | | | |
| | Derivatives >> | defunction, defunctive | | |
| 6. | dolt | DOLT | a dull, stupid person; blockhead | |
| | Synonyms >> | | Antonym >> | |
| | Hearing stupid statements from such a dolt is not surprising. | | | |
| | Derivatives >> | doltish, doltishly, doltishness | | |
| 7. | epochal | EP uh kul | pertaining to an epoch (a period of time marked by distinctive events) | |
| | Synonyms >> | significant, important | Antonym >> | insignificant |
| | His marriage was an epochal event in his life. | | | |
| | Derivatives >> | epoch, epochally | | |
| 8. | foment | foe MENT | to instigate, to stir up, to promote the growth of | |
| | Synonyms >> | abet, incite, instigate | Antonym >> | to calm; to sedate |
| | The raid on the armory was an attempt to foment revolution. | | | |
| | Derivatives >> | fomentation, fomenter, foments, fomenting, fomented | | |
| 9. | formidable | FORE meh duh bul | menacing, causing fear or awe | |
| | Synonyms >> | | Antonym >> | harmless; unimportant |
| | That retired boxer was a formidable opponent in his time. | | | |
| | Derivatives >> | formidability, formidableness, formidably | | |
| 10. | grievous | GREE vus | characterized by severe suffering or sorrow, serious or grave | |
| | Synonyms >> | | Antonym >> | minor |
| | You made a grievous error when you spoke to your parents in such a horrible fashion. | | | |
| | Derivatives >> | grievously, grievousness | | |
| 11. | inauspicious | in ah SPISH us | unfavorable | |
| | Synonyms >> | | Antonym >> | promising good results |
| | I was disheartened by the inauspicious occasion of his death. | | | |
| | Derivatives >> | inauspiciously | | |

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| 12. | iota | eye OH tuh | very small quantity | |
| | Synonyms >> | | Antonym >> | large quantity |
| | There is not one iota of evidence that I committed the crime. | | | |
| | Derivatives >> | iotas | | |
| 13. | melodeon | muh LOW dee un | a small reed organ | |
| | Synonyms >> | | Antonym >> | |
| | Music poured forth from the melodeon after he put in a nickel. | | | |
| | Derivatives >> | melodeons | | |
| 14. | neuter | NOO tur, NYOO tur | neither masculine nor feminine in gender, neutral | |
| | Synonyms >> | | Antonym >> | |
| | The worker bee is neuter. | | | |
| | Derivatives >> | neuters, neuterly, neuterness, neutered, neutering | | |
| 15. | parity | PAIR eh tee | the state of being equal | |
| | Synonyms >> | likeness | Antonym >> | inequality |
| | Parity must exist between power and responsibility. | | | |
| | Derivatives >> | parities | | |
| 16. | plaintive | PLANE tiv | mournful and expressing sorrow | |
| | Synonyms >> | | Antonym >> | joyful |
| | The dog moaned in a plaintive manner when her puppies were taken. | | | |
| | Derivatives >> | plaintively, plaintiveness | | |
| 17. | proffer | PROF ur | to present for acceptance | |
| | Synonyms >> | offer, tender | Antonym >> | |
| | We found the terms of the loan proffered by the banker to be very satisfactory. | | | |
| | Derivatives >> | profferer | | |
| 18. | rile | RILE | to make angry, to arouse resentment | |
| | Synonyms >> | irritate | Antonym >> | to soothe |
| | The boy would often try to rile his sister and instigate an argument. | | | |
| | Derivatives >> | riley, riled, riling, riles | | |
| 19. | serrated | sur RAY ted | having an edge that is notched or toothed like a saw | |
| | Synonyms >> | | Antonym >> | smooth and even |
| | Some trees have leaves that are serrated, and others have leaves that are smooth on the edges. | | | |
| | Derivatives >> | serrate | | |
| 20. | superb | soo PURB | of very high quality | |
| | Synonyms >> | resplendent, sublime | Antonym >> | grossly inferior |
| | The superb beauty of the Grand Canyon completely overwhelmed me. | | | |
| | Derivatives >> | superbity, superbly, superbness | | |
| 21. | titter | TIT ur | to snicker or to giggle nervously | |
| | Synonyms >> | | Antonym >> | to frown |
| | The girls tittered while they waited for the boys to ask them to dance. | | | |
| | Derivatives >> | tittered, tittering, titters | | |
| 22. | unsung | un SUNG | not celebrated in verse or song or otherwise praised | |
| | Synonyms >> | | Antonym >> | celebrated |
| | Wars are full of unsung heroes who give their lives for their country. | | | |
| | Derivatives >> | | | |
| 23. | vanguard | VAN gard | the forefront in any movement, field, or activity | |
| | Synonyms >> | | Antonym >> | |
| | This innovative school is a vanguard in the field of education. | | | |
| | Derivatives >> | vanguardism, vanguardist | | |
| 24. | vituperation | vie too puh RAY shun | abusive remarks | |
| | Synonyms >> | | Antonym >> | praise; commendation |
| | He expressed his contempt with vituperation. | | | |
| | Derivatives >> | vituperate, vituperative, vituperator, vituperatory, vituperous | | |
| 25. | warp | WARP | to become bent or twisted | |
| | Synonyms >> | | Antonym >> | to straighten |
| | The wood was old and warped by water and wind. | | | |
| | Derivatives >> | warped, warpage | | |

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Matching Test



Directions: Choose the definition that best matches the meaning of the vocabulary word. Place the answer of your choice in the space provided.

Exercise A

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| <p>_____ 1. allay</p> <p>_____ 2. aura</p> <p>_____ 3. calipers</p> <p>_____ 4. congenital</p> <p>_____ 5. defunct</p> <p>_____ 6. dolt</p> <p>_____ 7. epochal</p> <p>_____ 8. foment</p> <p>_____ 9. formidable</p> <p>_____ 10. grievous</p> <p>_____ 11. inauspicious</p> <p>_____ 12. iota</p> | <p>a. a dull or stupid person</p> <p>b. characterized by suffering; serious</p> <p>c. to put fear, doubt, or anger to rest</p> <p>d. menacing; causing fear or awe</p> <p>e. significant; pertaining to an era</p> <p>f. existing at birth</p> <p>g. very small quantity</p> <p>h. no longer existing; dead</p> <p>i. unfavorable</p> <p>j. to instigate; to stir up</p> <p>k. distinctive quality</p> <p>l. instrument used to measure distance</p> |
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Exercise B

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| <p>_____ 1. melodeon</p> <p>_____ 2. neuter</p> <p>_____ 3. parity</p> <p>_____ 4. plaintive</p> <p>_____ 5. proffer</p> <p>_____ 6. rile</p> <p>_____ 7. serrated</p> <p>_____ 8. superb</p> <p>_____ 9. titter</p> <p>_____ 10. unsung</p> <p>_____ 11. vanguard</p> <p>_____ 12. vituperation</p> <p>_____ 13. warp</p> | <p>a. of very high quality</p> <p>b. abusive remark</p> <p>c. neither masculine nor feminine</p> <p>d. the forefront in any movement</p> <p>e. to make angry; to arouse resentment</p> <p>f. mournful or expressing sorrow</p> <p>g. a small reed organ</p> <p>h. not celebrated or praised</p> <p>i. to become bent or twisted</p> <p>j. the state of being equal</p> <p>k. having an edge that is notched</p> <p>l. to present for acceptance</p> <p>m. to snicker or to giggle nervously</p> |
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Sentence Completion



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| allay | aura | calipers | congenital |
| defunct | dolt | epochal | fomenting |
| formidable | grievous | inauspicious | iota |

1. It will be necessary to update this computer system because in five years it will be _____.
2. There was severe suffering and sorrow as a result of the _____ actions of the boys; their behavior brought serious condemnation.
3. The scientist used _____ to measure the radius of the circle.
4. The jury could tell that the man was lying; they knew that there was not an _____ of truth in his testimony.
5. A menacing fear overcame us all as we entered the presence of the _____ witch doctor.
6. The woman had an _____ of sophistication about her; it was a distinctive quality that set her apart from all others.
7. The girl has a _____ condition, but because it has been with her since birth, she has adjusted to it quite well.
8. The rebel promoted the fires of discontent, stirring up the people and _____ revolution.
9. Whenever the child cried out in the night, his mother would go to him and _____ his fears by telling him stories until he was calm and serene again.
10. When John acted dull and stupid, his father scolded him and told him not to act like such a _____.
11. The marriage of her daughter was an _____ event in her life; few periods in life are as monumental as weddings.
12. His luck had run out on the _____ day of his accident; such unfavorable occurrences are not happy times.

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| riled | serrated | superb | titter | unsung |
| vanguard | vituperation | warp | | |

13. If you don't like the book, just say so; there is no need for _____ and abasement.
14. The organ-like sound came from a little man in the corner playing the _____.
15. Many people consider the newborn baby a _____ since he has few developed sexual differences that distinguish masculinity from femininity.
16. The _____ edge of the sword was especially dangerous, as each of the small teeth was like a separate blade.
17. The widow's _____ cries revealed her sorrow at her husband's death.
18. When Sara began to _____, we joined her and began to giggle, also.
19. The heat has caused my tennis racket to _____ so badly that it is too twisted to use.
20. Peace will exist only when there is military _____; there must be some semblance of equality between the superpowers.
21. _____ by the heckler's intense sarcasms, the angry comedian sprang from the stage and throttled the man.
22. Because the emphasis of the game was not on individual players, Bill's vital contributions were not publicized; but as far as the players themselves were concerned, he was the _____ hero of the football team.
23. We wanted to _____ additional rewards to the man if he would help to get us out of the alien country; for his assistance, we would give him a large sum of money.
24. That company was a _____ in the computer industry; it was in the forefront of the field from the very beginning.
25. The performance of the man was _____; his playing was of the highest quality.